

Mint of the United States,  
Philadelphia 23 June 1857.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., in which referring to my letter of 27<sup>th</sup> ult. you ask me to give certain instructions & obtain certain information relative to the coinage of 3 cent pieces, I have to state that I this day write in accordance with the wishes of the department. It is proper that I should mention that in a letter which I addressed to the Supt<sup>r</sup> on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst, I advised him, in case he should have received no instructions from the department when ready to issue the coin, to distribute one-half thereof to the public at large, on demand, and the other half to government officers in the region supplied with coin by the Mint, reserving bills of lading & receipts as vouchers, in conformity to our own practice. I presume he has acted according to my suggestion, in which case it is to be hoped he will obtain the sanction of the department.

I have the honor to be,  
very respectfully &c.

P. M. Patterson

Director?

Wm. L. Dodge, Esq. {  
Actg Secy of Treasury }

S.S. the balance of the deposite to purchase tents for Norfolk is \$2,390, respecting which our treasurer desires instructions.